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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.97(b) (or (c))

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the matter of the above-identified application, Applicant hereby submits the attached information under 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98 for entry and consideration by the Office, and for printing on the first page of any patent issuing hereon, as listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 Equivalent.

Also attached is a copy of an Korean Office Action issued 17 December 2004 in a foreign application corresponding to the subject US application, as well as copies of all of the foreign references cited therein. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(e), Applicant states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was first cited in the attached Korean Office Action not more than three (3) months prior to the filing date of this IDS.

In accordance with the Final Rule under 37 CFR §1.98 effective 21 October 2004, no copies of US patents/published applications are submitted herewith.

Additionally, no separate concise explanation of relevance is submitted for each item of information not in the English language. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(3) because an English language Abstract for each reference also is attached. It is noted that US 5,572,503 A is an English language equivalent of JP 07-169055.

This IDS is filed under 37 CFR §1.97(b), prior to mailing of a first Action on the merits in connection with the subject application, and includes the statement required under §1.97(c)(1). Accordingly, in the event that the filing date of this IDS crosses the mailing date of a first Action on the merits, this IDS is proper under 37 CFR §1.97(c), and no additional fee or filing is required for entry and consideration.

Applicant respectfully submits that all requirements under 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98 are complete, and requests the Examiner to return an initialed copy of the attached PTO-1449 Equivalent to indicate consideration of the listed information.

Respectfully submitted,



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